GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:129
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2016
Kisan Melas
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is sponsoring Kisan Melas in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the framework/norms for organising such Melas and the success achieved thereunder in addressing the issues of farmers;

(c) the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is imparting training to the farmers in these Melas and educating them about farm practices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of farmers who have availed benefits thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 129 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH JULY, 2016.

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government is sponsoring Kisan Melas in various parts of the country to disseminate relevant information and promote appropriate technologies and improved agronomic practices among the farmers and other stakeholders in agriculture and allied sectors.

(b): Financial assistance is provided for organization of Regional Agriculture Fairs (RAFs) to State Agriculture Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes. Five (5) Regional Agriculture Fairs @ one in each region, namely, North, South, East, West and North East organised through State Agriculture Universities/ICAR Institutes during a year are supported with a maximum funding of Rs.15 lakh each.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare also provides financial assistance to other institutions for organization of farmer-centric International/ National/ State level events.

Besides, a few mega agricultural fairs have also been sponsored/ organized by the Government in the past. The framework/ norms/ guidelines is given at Annexure-I

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 645 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country aiming at assessment and demonstration of technologies/products. The KVKs also organize a number of extension programmes including Kisan Melas for creating awareness on improved technologies among farmers.

Farmers visiting these fairs benefit substantially by gaining knowledge and skills that help them to enhance productivity and income levels.

(c): Expenditure incurred on Krishi Melas and Exhibitions during the last three years & current year by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare are at Annexure-II.
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(d): During these Melas, farmers are educated & oriented about innovative and new farm practices through Exhibits, Displays, Live Demonstrations, Kisan Goshthies, Technical Seminars, and Cultural Programmes etc.

(e): The details of State/UT-wise number of farmers who have benefitted during the said period by these Kisan Melas are depicted in Annexure-III & IV.